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**DALLAS WOMAN SENTENCED
TO 46 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE
FOR INSURANCE FRAUD SCAM**

A Dallas resident who pled guilty to operating an insurance fraud scheme was sentenced today in federal court in Dallas, according to U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper. Barbara Antonie Fisk was sentenced by the Honorable A. Joe Fish, United States Chief District Judge, to 46 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$24,863.69 restitution to Texas Select Insurance. Judge Fish ordered that Fisk, age 58, surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on June 20, 2006.

Fisk pled guilty in November to a superseding indictment that charged her with three counts of mail fraud in relation to the scam. According to documents filed in Court, Fisk admitted that from September 2003 through mid-March 2005, she submitted false and fraudulent claims to insurance companies, supported by bogus and misleading receipts, invoices, cancelled checks and charge card receipts for contents claimed to have been stolen or damaged in two purported burglaries. Fisk submitted these fraudulent claims to Texas Select Lloyds Insurance Company related to a purported burglary on September 1, 2003, at 10110 Creekmere Drive in Dallas and to Allstate Insurance Company related to a purported burglary on September 17, 2004, at 8934 Redondo Drive in Dallas --- both properties she owned.

On November 14, 2004, the Dallas Fire Department responded to a fire at Barbara Antonie Fisk's garage apartment located at 8806 ½ Redondo Street in Dallas. At that time, Fisk claimed to have had only one other fire occurring approximately 25 years earlier. However, a Dallas Fire Department officer recognized Fisk and knew that fire had damaged her property at 10110 Creekmere Drive in Dallas in March 2003. Further,

an investigation revealed that Fisk was named as the complainant/victim in approximately 36 police reports since 1973; that her properties had been reportedly burglarized 21 times since 1982; and that she had submitted insurance claims on five fires since September 21, 1983.

Further investigation showed that Fisk had also reported alleged injuries, sued and received settlements from Tom Thumb, Handy Dan, Montgomery Wards, Burgundy Condominiums, 7 Eleven, Home Depot and the City of Dallas.

On June 28, 2005, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) executed search warrants at Fisk's properties located at 8806 Redondo and 10110 Creekmere and found numerous bogus and misleading receipts, invoices, canceled checks and charge card receipts, as well as blank loose receipts and receipt books. The agents seized numerous documents and envelopes related to various fraudulent insurance claims and located medical records which appeared to have been altered using "white-out."

United States Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Dallas Fire Department . The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kim McCabe and Lynn Hastings.